Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application (irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application) are presented below and the amendment to the claims is expressed in the listing using underlining for new text and strikethrough for deleted text.

1. (**Currently Amended**) A method for providing synchronization in an automated scripting framework comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving script data utilizing a language-driven interface;

(b) creating reports having user readable sentences based on the received script data;

(c) translating the received script data into automation code; and

(d) providing automated testing utilizing the automation code;

wherein the script data comprises a plurality of words having commonly understood meanings.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the reports are created as hard copies.

3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the received script data is translated into automation code using relational table values.

4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the script data is divided into a plurality of components stored in a database.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the database resides on a remote server.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the remote server is accessed utilizing a network.

7. (**Currently amended**) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing synchronization in an automated scripting framework comprising:

(a) a code segment for receiving script data utilizing a language-driven interface;

(b) a code segment for creating reports having user readable sentences based on the received script data;

(c) a code segment for translating the received script data into automation code; and

(d) a code segment for providing automated testing utilizing the automation code;

wherein the script data comprises a plurality of words having commonly understood meanings.

8. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the reports are created as hard copies.

9. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the received script data is translated into automation code using relational table values.

10. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the script data is divided into a plurality of components stored in a database.

11. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the database resides on a remote server.

12. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the remote server is accessed utilizing a network.

13. (**Currently Amended**) A system for providing synchronization in an automated scripting framework comprising:

(a) logic for receiving script data utilizing a language-driven interface;

(b) logic for creating reports having user readable sentences based on the received script data;

(c) logic for translating the received script data into automation code; and

(d) logic for providing automated testing utilizing the automation code;

wherein the script data comprises a plurality of words having commonly understood meanings.

14. (Original) A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the reports are created as hard copies.

15. (Original) A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the received script data is translated into automation code using relational table values.

16. (Original) A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the script data is divided into a plurality of components stored in a database.

17. (Original) A system as recited in claim 16, wherein the database resides on a remote server.

18. (Original) A system as recited in claim 17, wherein the remote server is accessed utilizing a network.

19. (Previously Added) A method for automated testing using an automation testing tool that emulates user interactions for testing the functionality of a computer system, the method comprising:

receiving a word having a commonly understood meaning;

querying a database for the word, the database containing a plurality of words, each word having associated with it a set of one or more computer instructions which, when executed by the automation testing tool, causes the computer to perform a function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word;

retrieving the instruction set corresponding to the word from the database; and

performing the function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word using the automated testing tool.

20. (Previously Added) The method for automated testing from claim 19, wherein the word is from the English language.

21. (Previously Added) The method for automated testing from claim 19, wherein the automation testing tool is software developed by MERCURY INTERACTIVE commonly known as WINRUNNER.

22. (**Currently Amended**) A method for automated testing using an automation testing tool that emulates user interactions for testing the functionality of a computer system, the method comprising:

receiving a word having a commonly understood meaning;

querying a database for the word, the database containing a plurality of words, each word having associated with it a set of one or more computer instructions which, when executed by the automation testing tool, causes the computer to perform a function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word;

retrieving the instruction set corresponding to the word from the database;

performing the function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word using the automated testing tool; and

~~The method for automated testing from claim 19, further comprising~~ presenting the instruction set to a user in human-readable form.

23. (Previously Added) The method for automated testing from claim 19, wherein the steps of receiving, querying, retrieving and performing are carried out with respect to a plurality of words.

24. (Previously Added) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for automated testing using an automation testing tool that emulates user interactions for testing the functionality of a computer system, comprising:

a code segment for receiving a word having a commonly understood meaning;

a code segment for querying a database for the word, the database containing a plurality of words, each word having associated with it a set of one or more computer instructions which, when executed by the automation testing tool, causes the computer to perform a function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word;

a code segment for retrieving the instruction set corresponding to the word from the database; and

a code segment for performing the function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word using the automated testing tool.

25. (Previously Added) The computer program from claim 24, wherein the word is from the English language.

26. (Previously Added) The computer program from claim 24, wherein the automation testing tool is software developed by MERCURY INTERACTIVE commonly known as WINRUNNER.

27. (**Currently Amended**) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium

for automated testing using an automation testing tool that emulates user interactions for testing the functionality of a computer system, comprising:

a code segment for receiving a word having a commonly understood meaning;

a code segment for querying a database for the word, the database containing a plurality of words, each word having associated with it a set of one or more computer instructions which, when executed by the automation testing tool, causes the computer to perform a function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word;

a code segment for retrieving the instruction set corresponding to the word from the database;

a code segment for performing the function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word using the automated testing tool; and

~~The computer program from claim 24, further comprising~~ a code segment for presenting the instruction set to a user in human-readable form.

28. (Previously Added) The computer program from claim 24, wherein the code segments for receiving, querying, retrieving and performing are executed with respect to a plurality of words.

29. (Previously Added) A system for automated testing using an automation testing tool that emulates user interactions for testing the functionality of a computer system, comprising:

logic for receiving a word having a commonly understood meaning;

logic for querying a database for the word, the database containing a plurality of words, each word having associated with it a set of one or more computer instructions which, when executed by the automation testing tool, causes the computer to perform a function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word;

logic for retrieving the instruction set corresponding to the word from the database; and

logic for performing the function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word using the automated testing tool.

30. (Previously Added) The system for automated testing from claim 29, wherein the word is from the English language.

31. (Previously Added) The system for automated testing from claim 29, wherein the automation testing tool is software developed by MERCURY INTERACTIVE commonly known as WINRUNNER.

32. (**Currently Amended**) A system for automated testing using an automation testing tool that emulates user interactions for testing the functionality of a computer system, comprising:

logic for receiving a word having a commonly understood meaning;

logic for querying a database for the word, the database containing a plurality of words, each word having associated with it a set of one or more computer instructions which, when executed by the automation testing tool, causes the computer to perform a function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word;

logic for retrieving the instruction set corresponding to the word from the database;

logic for performing the function that is related to the commonly understood meaning of the word using the automated testing tool; and

~~The system for automated testing from claim 29, further comprising~~ logic for presenting the instruction set to a user in human-readable form.

33. (Previously Added) The system for automated testing from claim 29, wherein the logic for receiving, querying, retrieving and performing is performed with respect to a plurality of words.